

SENATE RESOLUTION 149

By Dixon

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Reverend and Mrs. Edward
Lesley Stanton on the celebration of their golden
wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to help special citizens celebrate
milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1948, Edward Leslie Stanton and Helen Earnestine McClure
were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day, 50 golden years ago, this loving
couple has shared the joys and sorrows of life's journey, facing the world as one; and

WHEREAS, Edward Stanton, Sr. was born on May 9, 1928, in Heth, Arkansas, to Tom
and Zora Butler Stanton and moved to Memphis with his widowed mother and family in 1932;
and

WHEREAS, he attended Carthridge Grammar, Carthridge Intermediate and Leath
schools, in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton moved to Sacramento, California and at age 17 volunteered
and served his country bravely during World War II, serving admirably as a sergeant in the
reserves for three years after the war; and

WHEREAS, he was called back into service for the Korean War, and after that gallant
service, Mr. Stanton returned to Memphis where he was a highly regarded employee of the
United States Postal Service for 25 years; and

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WHEREAS, on February 10, 1962, Edward Stanton, Sr. gave his life to Christ and became a member of the Mother Temple Church, a member of the God in Christ denomination; and

WHEREAS, he has faithfully served the church as a Deacon, a Minister, an Ordained Elder, and Assistant Pastor, from 1969-1976, under Elder J. E. Booker; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Stanton is currently the Assistant Pastor, under Dr. David Hall; and

WHEREAS, he also served commendably as District Chief Probation Officer for Memphis and Shelby County, under the Honorable Judge Kenneth Turner; and

WHEREAS, Helen Earnestine McClure was born in Proctor, Arkansas on February 14, 1933, to James McClure and Ramelle Gardner-McClure and moved to Memphis in 1934; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Chicago, Helen's family returned to Memphis in 1945, where she attended Leath Elementary School and then Knight Adult School at Booker T. Washington High School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stanton worked at the Julius Lewis Department Store from 1960-1980 and has also worked at the Walker Elementary School and the Shelby County Election Commission; in each job she has been highly praised for her strong work ethic and competence; and

WHEREAS, Helen gave her life to Christ on February 15, 1962; and joined the Mother Temple Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, she served with distinction as the District Chief Probation Officer for the Memphis and Shelby Juvenile Court from 1972-1984; and

WHEREAS, in the best tradition of the "Volunteer State", Helen is a member of the Walker Homes Civic Club, representing an area where she and her husband lived for 34 years and is also a member of the Old Hickory Civic Club in Whitehaven, where they now live; and

WHEREAS, the Stantons are the very epitome of good neighbors, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's blessed union has produced six children, each of whom has made his or her mark on the world and is highly successful in their own right; and

WHEREAS, the Stantons are delighted to be called Grandpa and Grandma by their grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for 50 blessed years this union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as this are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Stanton will join church members, family, friends and neighbors in a joyous celebration and reflection at the Temple Church of God in Christ on Sunday, June 14, 1998; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Reverend and Mrs. Edward Stanton as they celebrate their golden wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.